

that the Terminal Disclaimer was therefore made of record in the subject application.

In the present Office Action, claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,934,780 to Tanaka (hereinafter “Tanaka”). The rejection of claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tanaka is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

While claims 1-5, 7-15 and 17-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that Tanaka, having a filing date of September 12, 1997, was not filed before the priority date of the present application, i.e., the Korean filing date of May 28, 1997. Even though Applicants submit that effective filing date of the present application predates the filing date in the United States of the Tanaka application, Applicants believe that the claims of the present application are distinguishable over Tanaka regardless of the filing dates. If necessary, Applicants will submit a certified translation of the priority patent application to perfect the priority claim to antedate the U.S. filing date of Tanaka.

The rejection of Independent claim 1 is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 1 by this Amendment.

Independent claim 2 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 2 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a plurality of quartz substrate parts, each quartz part including one or more quartz substrates.” The cited reference, Tanaka, does not teach or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 2 and claims 3-5 and 7-10 which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

Independent claim 11 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 11 recites a combination of elements including, for example, “a quartz substrate part comprising a plurality of quartz substrates stacked on top of one another.” The cited reference, Tanaka, does not teach or suggests at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 11 is allowable over the cited references.

Independent claim 12 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 12 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a plurality of quartz substrate parts, each quartz part including one or more quartz substrates." None of the cited references including Tanaka, singly or in combination, teaches or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 12 and claims 13-15 and 17-23 which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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